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From: Dale Bickel
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2006 11:18 AM
To: 'INFO@THEKINGSMUSICIAN.ORG'; 'JCHAUTIN@HARDYCAREY.COM'
Cc: 'MULLANEY@MULLENGR.COM'
Subject: Program Test Authority -- KLBT (FM) -- BLED-20060818ACN

By this e-mail, program test authority IS GRANTED (pursuant to the provisions of 47 CFR Section 73.1620) to permit KLBT (FM) to operate at an effective radiated power of 7.0 kW ERP (vertically polarized only) with the facilities authorized in construction permit BMPED-20050902AAP, pending further action on license application BLED-20060818ACN.

This authority is being sent by e-mail in lieu of a letter in order to get this authority to you as soon as possible. Please print a copy of it and keep it with the station's records. The grant of this program test authority will also be noted in the FCC's CDBS database.

The staff has received two interference complaints to date from KLBT's operations on half power program test authority (attached). We recommend that the station investigate these complaints and any other complaints it may receive, and provide appropriate assistance toward resolving the interference to reception of TV Channel 6. The station should keep track of individual interference complaints, its efforts to resolve the complaints, and the outcome of these efforts. We will forward any additional complaints that we may receive, and we may ask for further information about the interference situation by letter at a future date.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 202-418-2706.

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Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senator
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Re: **HELP! LOCAL TV STATION KFDM CHANNEL 6 (BEAUMONT, TX) KNOCKED OFF AIR BY NEW LOCAL RADIO STATION**

Dear Senator Cornyn:

This letter is to ask for any assistance you might be able to give us, as residents of the rural, Southwestern part of Jefferson County, Texas (Fannett, Texas area). This is a question of local public safety. We watch our local television stations through the use of "rabbit ears" antenna. Beginning last Thursday, August 17, 2006, we can no longer receive the best local channel in terms of important public safety information, like severe weather bulletins. We lost the ability to view KFDM, Channel 6, Beaumont, Texas.

The reason we cannot get KFDM television Channel 6 (87.74 audio on the FM dial) and its excellent local news and weather broadcasts and bulletins? A new local radio station, KLBT, 88.1 on the FM dial, began broadcasting sometime Thursday, August 17, 2006. It is licensed by the FCC as a noncommercial station. Most TV sets are not selective enough to tell the difference between new radio station KLBT and KFDM Channel 6's audio band. Also, KLBT radio located its transmitter in our area of Jefferson County, and that transmitter is killing our reception of KFDM television Channel 6.

If there is anything you as our elected United States Senator can do to help us get our KFDM television Channel 6 reception back, it would be greatly appreciated as a public service to the safety and well-being of Jefferson County, Texas residents.

Sincerely,



Kathi L. Orgeron

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From: Janice Kelley [Janice609@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2006 12:09 AM
To: Dale Bickel
Subject: Radio interference with TV station

A new radio station with a tower near my home is interfering with my ability to receive an analog television signal from KFDM-TV Channel 6 in Beaumont, Texas. I have contacted Richard Kihn with KFDM Channel 6 television. He informed me that a new radio station started broadcasting within the last week which happens to be the same time the problem began. Their broadcast tower and antenna are near my home around Fannett, TX which is a rural community near Beaumont. KLBT radio is broadcasting on 88.1 which is very near KFDM's audio frequency of 87.7.

Is there anyway to resolve this problem? Please let me know.

Thanks,

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I have sent an e-mail today to Les Jones, President of The King's Musician Educational Foundation to inform him of this problem also. A copy of the e-mail is shown below:

Mr. Les Jones, President
ljones@thekingsmusician.org
The King's Musician Educational Foundation, Inc.
1872 Calder
Beaumont, TX 77701

I want to inform you of a problem with your radio signal. The signal at 88.1 has blocked the Channel 6 (CBS) analog broadcast signal in my home located in the Fannett area (close to your transmitter and antenna). This problem began in the last week when your new station began broadcasting. It comes through for sound on my television when Channel 6 is selected. The video signal is also very poor now.

I contacted Channel 6 and their broadcast signal is sent over 87.7. Your signal is stronger in this area than theirs. I do not want to lose the ability to watch this local television station and I feel my entire community is affected. I have lived here for 1 year and had no previous problems with the Channel 6 analog signal. I have a large antenna with a power booster to receive the best television signal possible. I have no other alternatives that I know of because cable is not available to us and Channel 6 is not part of Dish Network.

How can this problem be resolved? Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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